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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2005, Applicant respectfully

requests reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that

the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

On May 4, 2005, Applicant's representative conducted an interview with Examiner

Burge and the Examiner's supervisor in which the claims and the primary reference (Brown

et al.) were discussed. As a result of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the primary

reference may not anticipate the claims and that further consideration of the reference was

necessary. No agreement was reached.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United

States Patent No. 6,278,448, to Brown et al. More specifically, the Examiner asserts, inter

alia, that Brown et al. disclose rendering source code that defines said data input screen in

said client device, defining an executable script within said source code, and executing said

executable script in response to user input, wherein said executable script operates within said

client device to render said data input screen inaccessible to prevent subsequent user input.

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Brown et al. does not disclose Applicant's

invention, as recited in the claims.

Claim 1 of the present application claims rendering source code that defines the data

input screen, defining an executable script within the source code, executing the executable

script in response to user input, wherein the executable script operates to render the data input

screen inaccessible to prevent subsequent user input (Claim 1, application). Brown et al. do

not teach or suggest such a method. In particular, there is no teaching whatsoever of

rendering a data input screen inaccessible to prevent subsequent user input based upon an

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executable script that executes in response to a user input. As such, Brown et al. do not disclose all features recited in claim 1.

Independent claims 5 and 15 recite similar features as claim 1. As such, Applicant submits the arguments raised above apply to these claims as well. Independent claim 10 recites, *inter alia*, a style definition component and a function definition component where upon execution of the function definition component, a layer defined by the style definition component, operates to render a data submission field inaccessible. Brown et al. fail to teach or suggest rendering a data submission field inaccessible through execution of a function definition component.

With regard to dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 16-17, these claims recite additional novel and unobvious features in combination with their respective base independent claims, which Applicant believes are allowable over the prior art of record. Thus, the features of these claims are also not disclosed by Brown et al.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

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## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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